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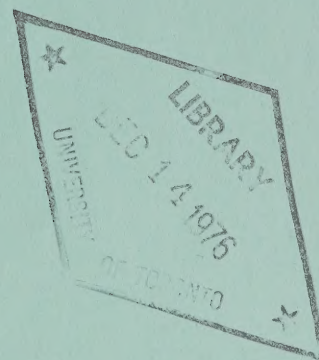
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OPEN MEETING WITH TRENT UNIVERSITY

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MINUTES

4-0148 MEETING

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LOCATION

Queen's Park
Toronto

DATE AND TIME

December 14, 1974
1:30 p.m.

4-0149 ATTENDANCE

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was reported as 13:1. It was felt that the format of educational delivery at Trent might possibly be continued under a ratio approaching 15:1 at the maximum.

Part-time students were treated equitably with regular students to the extent that in winter, where possible, some regular courses were scheduled in the evenings. Off-campus evening courses were staffed by regular University faculty on a stipend plus travel expenses basis. It was felt that integration of part-time and full-time courses was mutually beneficial to both types of students. The delegation also expressed Trent's interest in offering part-time studies through such mediums as OECA.

Graduate studies at Trent were restricted to 4 programmes with a total of 17 students. Although graduate students were employed by the University as laboratory demonstrators and assistants, it was stressed that they did not teach or supervise undergraduate classes.

Trent's involvement in Native studies was described in detail including a diploma programme designed specifically for Native students and a regular degree programme. Forty Native students were reported to be enrolled in the latter. The extensive consultative activities of faculty in Native Studies were remarked upon.

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INTER-INSTITUTIONAL LIAISON

Close liaison with OISE's Trent Valley Centre and the local college of applied arts and technology was reported. In the case of the former this was achieved through a limited number of cross appointments between the two institutions. As well, a CAAT-Trent liaison committee had been established.

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FACULTY

The 175 full-time faculty at Trent were reported to be more heavily involved in teaching, leaving less time free for other academic pursuits. Average student contact time for a full-time member of faculty

was reported at 11.5 hours per week.

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OPERATING FINANCES

i) Supplementary Support

In a discussion of criteria for the allocation of supplementary funding Trent stressed that the current operating grants formula did not give adequate support to undergraduate Arts and Science as offered by Trent. It was felt that both the student mix and undergraduate orientation were valid criteria for supplementary support.

The delegation felt that recognition of a size criterion was also vital. While it would be hard to determine a financially optimum size for Trent, it was noted that the student body was in fact the equivalent of a faculty of Arts and Science and, in this light, could not grow too large without losing academic viability. The delegation drew to Council's attention data in the brief which demonstrated that operating costs per student had remained relatively stable at Trent, inflation notwithstanding.

ii) Effects of Fiscal Stringency

Average salaries at Trent were reported to be up to 10% behind those at other universities. Other effects of fiscal stringency included steady reduction over the past 3 years of physical plant allocations, a constant dollar budget for library acquisitions and cut-backs in funds for equipment maintenance and renewal. It was noted that at Trent equipment was reaching the point where it would need a substantial infusion of funding in the near future. Book processing costs had been found to be significantly below those at other universities.

At the end of 1974-75 Trent anticipated an accumulated operating deficit of \$120,000 and a capital deficit of \$250,000. Financing of the deficits was considered a major problem in that although the University was organizing low-key annual drives to the private and corporate sectors it was expected that any funds derived from this source

would be earmarked as capital. It was not anticipated that any public support would be forthcoming for operating deficits and that bank financing of these could only be carried out in the short term.

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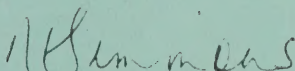
RESEARCH

The delegation stressed Trent's need for research assistance. At present it was reported that the major sources of research funds were \$25,000 in an NRC grant and \$25,000 from operating revenues. Two research committees in Arts and Sciences were allocated \$10,000 per annum to distribute for assistance of projects totalling less than \$1,000. The senior research committee allocated funds to applicants in excess of \$1,000, thereby funding between 22 and 25 research projects per year.

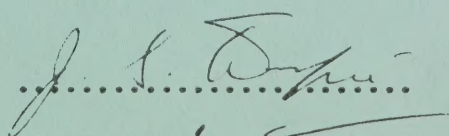
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CAPITAL

The delegation stressed the University's need for an athletics facility to replace the current bubble. Details of the proposal were contained in the brief. It was anticipated that an operating deficit of \$25,000 per year would be incurred by a new facility but the University expressed its intention to find other sources of revenue to offset this shortfall. It was expected that enrolment would eventually decline if an athletics facility were not built. It was stressed that full funding of the proposal should be forthcoming from the Province in line with previous practices at other universities.


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N. E. Simmons
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